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[1](#)1. (U) Post followed up with Mr. Kim Jaegeun, Assistant Director of Maritime Technology Division at the Ministry of Land, Transportation and Maritime (MLTM) on reftel demarche expressing concerns about the EC's third maritime safety package.

[1](#)2. (U) Kim described the ROKG agreed with the US position, and strongly opposing the European Commission's proposal. Kim informed Econoff that MLTM's Director General for Maritime Safety and Policy in late November sent a letter opposing the proposal to the European Commission. Kim added that the ROKG plans to raise its concerns within the EU before the next European Council meeting.

[1](#)3. (U) MLTM is working to clear a more formal position in opposition to the EC's maritime proposal for the next Council meeting. When completed, this demarche will be delivered to the Commission in Brussels.

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